



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 23rd November 2023

The mission of St Richard's is that we know, love and follow Christ by looking after each other and trying our best every day.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS TOMORROW

This is a reminder that St Richard's will be closed to all pupils all day tomorrow (Friday 24th November) as this is a staff INSET day.

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2024

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2024 start is Monday 15th January 2024. Please visit:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/kindness?pid=MTA101634&v=110.1>

and this week's Wednesday Word is **KINDNESS**

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 9th December 2023 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Manchester M19 3PY, starting at noon. Please make a note in your diary and please make every effort to attend and support the parish both socially and in its fund-raising efforts. St Richard's RC Primary School will be running the Chocolate Tombola and face painting. We would very much appreciate donations of chocolate (any size from a small bar to a large box!). Children can bring these into school from tomorrow (Friday 17th November) up until the closing date for donations of 4pm on Thursday 7th December.

If there are any parents who could help prepare the Chocolate Tombola on the morning of Friday 8th December (9am – 12 noon) and/or could help to run the Chocolate Tombola or face-paint at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December, please let us know – we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please email comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk to let us know what you would be able to do. Many thanks in advance.

IF YOU TAKE YOUR CHILDREN AWAY DURING TERM TIME

At St Richard's we encourage and assist all our pupils to strive for excellence. For pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly. Your child should be at school, on time, every day that school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is a parent's legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in a penalty notice (a fine) or even prosecution. **Holidays, trips abroad or extended leave in term time are not permitted and will not be authorised.**

YEAR ONE'S GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

On Tuesday 14th November, Class 1 and Class 2 enjoyed a Geography fieldwork walk around the local area. We looked out for different types of shops, buildings and other features of Longsight. Hayk in Class 1 said "We spotted Asda, The Barber's and a speed camera. My favourite part was walking through Crowcroft Park".

PARENTS' EVENING THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who attended Parents' Evening earlier this week. We hope that you had a positive experience. Thank you also for completing the Parents' Survey as this provides us with very useful feedback.

A NEW ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

Below is a link to a resource for parents from MGL, our longstanding Computing partner:

<https://mglworld.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

Included in it is the Qustodio app, which provides parents with online control tools for free.

CHRISTMAS DATES 2023

Please make a note of the following dates for Christmas 2023. More details (with ticket information etc) will be sent out in separate letters next week. Whilst we are not charging for admission, we will be collecting for Francis House Children's Hospice at all our Christmas concerts.

| Date: | Event: |
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| Saturday 9th December | St Robert's Parish Christmas Fair (at St Mary's Parish Centre, Levenshulme) starting at 12 noon. |
| Monday 11th December | Children's Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper/non-uniform Day (suggested £1 donation to Children in Need) |
| Wednesday 13th December | – Reception Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Wednesday 13th December | – Year One Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend) |
| Thursday 14th December | Year Two Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend) |
| Tuesday 12th December | – Nursery Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Friday 15th December | Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Monday 18th December | Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Tuesday 19th December | Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Wednesday 20th December | Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Wednesday 20th December | Pupils break up for Christmas |
| Sunday 24th December | Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church (time to be confirmed as soon as possible) |
| Wednesday 3rd January 2024 | Pupils return to school |

WINTER UNIFORM MUST NOW BE WORN

Our winter uniform must be worn from October half-term until the Easter break. For **girls** this is: Dark grey skirt or pinafore dress, blue blouse, school tie, school sweatshirt or cardigan (plain navy), preferably with the school logo. No other logo allowed. Girls are allowed to wear grey or black tights. Girls may wear dark grey school trousers. For **boys**, winter uniform is: Dark grey school trousers, blue shirt, school tie, school sweatshirt (plain navy), preferably with the school logo - no other logo is allowed. A school tie **must** be worn smartly and at all times as part of St Richard's winter uniform. All pupils must wear sensible black school shoes.

Hairstyles must be in keeping with the stated aims of our school uniform policy – no extreme hairstyles are allowed. Exaggerated or unnaturally coloured hair styles are not allowed. Shaved or patterned hairstyles are not allowed. Long hair must be tied back with a small, plain bobble.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School